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SOME ROADS CLOSED FOR ARMY BIRTHDAY RUN FRIDAY

FORT BRAGG, N.C.- With about 3,000 soldiers and civilians expected to be trekking through the streets of Fort Bragg Friday in celebration of the Army's 225th birthday, motorists are asked to take alternate routes because certain roads will be blocked to vehicle traffic between 6 and 9 a.m.

The 5th Annual Fort Bragg Army Birthday 10-Miler begins at 6:30 a.m. near the Main Post Polo Field at Knox and Randolph streets and will proceed as follows: Knox Street to Gruber Road; Gruber Road to Bastogne Street; Bastogne Street to Ardennes Street; Ardennes Street to Reilly Street; Reilly Street to Macomb Street; Macomb Street to Armistead Street; Armistead Street to Randolph Street and finish on Randolph Street near the Main Post Polo Field.

The run route will be blocked at 6 a.m. As the last runner clears each intersection of the route, the street will be opened.

Reilly Street will be closed from Yadkin Road until the last runner has cleared Macomb Street near the end of the run.

Awards will be presented at 9 a.m. followed by an Army birthday cake cutting ceremony. For easier access to Fort Bragg, the following routes have been recommended:

BIRTHDAY RUN

All-American Expressway to Normandy Drive or to Longstreet

Road. This is the most preferred route for those who work on Pope Air Force Base, Main Post, Womack Army Medical Center, Davis Dental Clinic, Old Division Area, and 82nd Airborne Division area west of Bastogne. The off ramps for Gruber and Reilly roads will be blocked off at 6:15 a.m.

- **Bragg Boulevard.** This is the most preferred route for those who work in the 1st Corps Support Command Area. It is a secondary route via Honeycutt Street for the Mini-Mall and Noncommissioned Officers' Club, and via Butner Road for those who work on Pope AFB, Main Post, Old Division Area and 82nd Abn. Div. area.
- McRidge Road to Longstreet Road. This is an alternate route for Hoke County residents to get into Main Post.

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Editor's Note: Media wishing to cover the event should contact the XVIII Airborne Corps Public Affairs Office at (910) 396-5600/5620.